

needs of one of the fastest growing labor fields in the Nation; and

(4) supports the nurse capacity initiatives for institutions of higher education included in the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

HONORING DEEPWATER HORIZON CREW MEMBERS

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 523 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 523) honoring the crew members who perished aboard the offshore oil rig, Deepwater Horizon, and extending the condolences of the Senate to the families and loved ones of the deceased crew members.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 523) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 523

Whereas oil and natural gas are necessary commodities for the United States;

Whereas a drill ship, the Deepwater Horizon, was drilling in 5,000 feet of water approximately 50 miles off the coast of Louisiana, in the Gulf of Mexico;

Whereas on April 20, 2010, a terrible explosion occurred aboard the Deepwater Horizon;

Whereas 126 men and women were on board the Deepwater Horizon at the time of the explosion;

Whereas 11 men remain missing, and are presumed dead;

Whereas 17 people were injured, 3 of them critically; and

Whereas the United States is greatly indebted to oil rig crewmen for the serious physical risks, difficult periods of separation from their families, and supremely challenging engineering tasks endured to produce much-needed energy for the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the crew members who perished aboard the offshore oil rig, Deepwater Horizon; and

(2) expresses sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the deceased crew members.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 3217, Wall Street reform, and that the Senate recess from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, we have eight amendments pending and Sen-

ators should expect rollcall votes throughout Thursday's session as we continue to process amendments on the Wall Street reform legislation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DODD. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:26 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

STEPHEN T. AYERS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, May 12, 2010:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

STEPHEN T. AYERS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PARKER LOREN CARL, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

GERALD SIDNEY HOLT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ROBERT R. ALMONTE, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JERRY E. MARTIN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.